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A 1. [REDACTED] of 1933 met with [REDACTED] to discuss certain details of the training for "Bluebird" operation.

2. [REDACTED] outlined the problem as follows:

a. Can we make an unwilling subject talk

b. Can we prevent our own agents who fall into enemy hands from disclosing information vital to us.

c. Can a man be made to commit acts useful to us under post-hypnotic suggestion

(1) Is there an accurate test we can use to see if a man is under post-hypnotic authority

d. Can we condition our own people so they will not be subject to post-hypnotic suggestion

2. The organization at present contemplates 3-4 teams constituted as follows:

a. Polygraph man (possibly chief)

b. Doctor

c. Technician to do recording

(1) Photography

(a) Infra-red familiarity desired

(2) Sound

(a) Tape recording ability

(b) Use of microphones, etc.

d. Interpreter

3. There would also be a home team or staff over-head which would conduct:

- a. Research in improved methods
- b. Testing of techniques
- c. Training of new personnel

4. [REDACTED] then described his ideas about the nature of the program. It should consist of

- a. Training in the polygraph operation. (3-4 weeks). This would be followed with 2-3 weeks practice in the use of it in the polygraph testing activity of I & SS.
- b. Hypnotic techniques (1-2 weeks)
- c. Interrogation
- d. Orientation in Communist techniques
- e. Orientation in substantive material likely to be covered.

The whole program to take about three months.

5. [REDACTED] emphasized the need for practice here before a team was to be sent out.

- a. They would operate in English
- b. They would operate under controlled conditions

Our biggest current problem is to obtain suitable subjects.

H-B/6 6. [REDACTED] Briefly described the program at [REDACTED] as under [REDACTED]. The cover is a program in the use of drugs to reduce the effects of air-sickness. [REDACTED] listed some problems that must be considered immediately:

- a. What subtle ways are there of inoculation with drugs.

- (1) Hypo-spray
- (2) Gases
- (3) Food

b. What is the actual state of knowledge of hypnotism? c.g. Can we condition a man so that he can "beat the polygraph"?

c. What are the possibilities of supersonic vibrations?

d. What are the possibilities of electric devices

- (1) Shock machines

(2) sleep inducing machines such as used at [REDACTED]
of [REDACTED]

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c. What by-products of psychological research exist that can be of help to us?

7. Our discussion developed a definite need to find out what other agencies are doing in this field; e.g.,

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a. Has the [REDACTED] success in using drugs overseas?

b. [REDACTED] has supposedly a program for questioning defectors at [REDACTED]. What methods are they using? What success with these methods? Have results been verified, and if so how?

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8. At the present time [REDACTED] himself represents the major portion of the CIA activity. [REDACTED] has designated some candidates but they have not operated nor been fully trained.

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